



GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2015-01

Internal Review of Administrative Rules; Moratorium to Promote Job Creation and Customer-Service-Oriented Agencies

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WHEREAS, Arizona has lost more jobs per capita than any other state and has yet to recover all of those jobs;

WHEREAS, burdensome regulations inhibit job growth and economic development;

WHEREAS, each agency of the State of Arizona should promote customer-service-oriented principles for the people that it serves;

WHEREAS, each State agency should undertake a critical and comprehensive review of its administrative rules and take action to reduce the regulatory burden, administrative delay, and legal uncertainty associated with government regulation;

WHEREAS, overly burdensome, antiquated, contradictory, redundant, and nonessential regulations should be repealed;

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution and Title 41, Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes vests the executive power of the State of Arizona in the Governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona hereby declare the following:

- 1. A State agency, subject to this Order, shall not conduct any rulemaking except as permitted by this Order.
2. A State agency, subject to this Order, shall not conduct any rulemaking, whether informal or formal, without the prior written approval of the Office of the Governor. In seeking approval, a State agency shall address one or more of the following as justification for the rulemaking:
a. To fulfill an objective related to job creation, economic development, or economic expansion in this State.
b. To reduce or ameliorate a regulatory burden while achieving the same regulatory objective.
c. To prevent a significant threat to the public health, peace or safety.
d. To avoid violating a court order or federal law that would result in sanctions by a court or the federal government against an agency for failure to conduct the rulemaking action.
e. To comply with a federal statutory or regulatory requirement if such compliance is related to a condition for the receipt of federal funds or participation in any federal program.
f. To fulfill an obligation related to fees or any other action necessary to implement the State budget that is certified by the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting.
g. To promulgate a rule or other item that is exempt from Title 41, Chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, pursuant to section 41-1005, Arizona Revised Statutes.
h. To address matters pertaining to the control, mitigation or eradication of waste, fraud, or abuse within an agency or wasteful, fraudulent, or abusive activities perpetrated against an agency.
3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 apply to all State agencies, except for: (a) any State agency that is headed by a single elected State official, (b) the Corporation Commission, or (c) any State agency whose agency head is not appointed by the Governor. Those State agencies to which Paragraphs 1 and 2 do not apply are strongly encouraged to voluntarily comply with this Order in the context of their own rulemaking processes.
4. Pursuant to Article 5, Section 4 of the Arizona Constitution and Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-101(A)(1), the State agencies identified in Paragraph 3 must provide the Office of the Governor with a written report for each proposed rule 30 days prior to engaging in any rulemaking proceeding and must also provide the Office of the



Governor with a written report within 15 days of any rulemaking. The reports required by this Paragraph shall explain, in detail, how the rulemaking advances the priorities and principles set forth in this Order.

5. No later than September 1, 2015, each State agency shall provide to the Office of the Governor an evaluation of their rules, with recommendations for which rules could be amended or repealed consistent with the priorities and principles set forth in this Order. The evaluation shall also include a summary of licensing time frames and describe how those time frames compare to real processing time, and whether or not they can be reduced. Additionally, each agency shall identify any existing licenses or permits in which a general permit could be used in lieu of an individual permit, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-1037.
6. No later than July 1, 2015, each State agency shall provide to the Office of the Governor an update on divisions where electronic reporting and payment are not implemented and a suggested plan for how to implement this customer-service-oriented service.
7. This Order does not confer any legal rights upon any persons and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to rules, approvals, permits, licenses or other actions or to any inaction of a State agency. For the purposes of this Order, “person,” “rule” and “rulemaking” have the same meanings prescribed in Arizona Revised Statutes Section 41-1001.
8. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Douglas A. Ducey
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

U.S. Highway 89A Flood Damage

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WHEREAS, on August 9, 2015, thunderstorms resulted in flash flooding overwhelming highway drainage structures along U.S. Highway 89A, from mile posts 531 to 532 and 540 to 555; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Transportation initially closed that area of the Highway for 24 hours and has subsequently re-established only one lane of traffic; and

WHEREAS, this flooding has created roadway and peripheral structure damage presenting the potential for an imminent public safety situation in that area of Northern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of damage to the highway infrastructure has exceeded the capacity of the Arizona Department of Transportation, requiring support of the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, given the magnitude, the damages may impose a severe hardship on state, county and local emergency responders as well as those engineers addressing the stabilization and repair of the infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the situation justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Coconino County due to road structure damage along U.S. Highway 89A effective August 9, 2015 and continuing; and



- b. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- c. Direct the Arizona Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and request assistance under FHWA's Emergency Relief Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Douglas A. Ducey
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-second day of September in the year Two Thousand Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State